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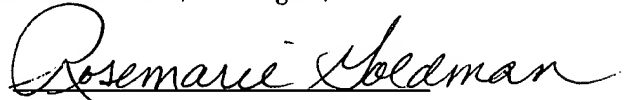
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Dear Sir/Madam:

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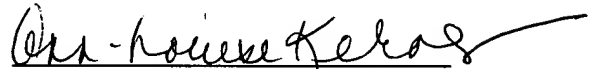
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The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the number listed below to  
facilitate prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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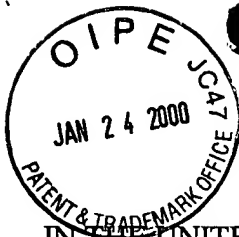
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir/Madam:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced patent application, please  
amend the claims as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-112.